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OBJECTS: TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the British West Indies.

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ANTIGUA	JAMAICA
BAHAMAS	LEEWARD ISLANDS
BARBADOS	MONTSERRAT
BERMUDA	ST. KITTS-NEVIS
BRITISH GUIANA	ST. LUCIA
BRITISH HONDURUS	ST. VINCENT
CAYMAN ISLANDS	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DOMINICA	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
GRENADA	VIRGIN ISLANDS

TO issue a quarterly Bulletin embodying articles, items of interest and other features (including a wants' section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members. It is emphasized that every member will always be 'in the picture' no matter where he (or she) resides.

MEMBERSHIP: TO be WORLD-WIDE in scope and open to all who are interested in the stamps or postal history of the above mentioned colonies and dependencies whether they be advanced or new collectors. The ANNUAL subscription on to be 10/6d (\$1.50 non-sterling countries) payable on the 1st FEBRUARY. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "B.W.I. Study Circle" and it will be appreciated if remittances for non-sterling countries are made by draft drawn on LONDON or International Money Order.).

OUR PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH

We had an excellent attendance at the meeting held at the Royal Philatelic Society on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd. 1955. The eleven displays covered nearly all the British West Indies and some very unusual and controversial items were shown. A GRENADA pre-adhesive of 1842 with straight line CARRIACOU was new to me, also some scarce later postmarks. I also recall seeing the scarce circular postmark of ST. KITTS with 'SP' for Sandy Point and some very fine early ST. VINCENT on cover, including a copy of the large 5/- with the flaw in the letter FIVE. After tea, several problems in regard to shades, specimen markings and unusual postmarks created a lively and interesting discussion to the satisfaction of members present, all of whom considered it a very enjoyable and helpful meeting. Since then, one of our members has sent me a G.B. 1/- (S.G.73) with the obliterator A34 Claremont, Jamaica off cover. As most collectors of JAMAICA will know this A34 obliterator on any G.B. stamp is rare, and no copy of the 1/- has ever been recorded. I have no example in my collection on a G.B. stamp, but this A34 obliterator on Jamaica stamps is common and on comparison it was very evident that it was a clever fake. This 1/- G.B. stamp is catalogued at £15 and it beats me why any person can fake a stamp of this value with the hope of getting away with it. I feel I should warn collectors of JAMAICA to take the greatest care when purchasing these scarce G.B. used in Jamaica especially off cover. Dr. Urwick informs me that he has just acquired a Jamaica pre-adhesive with the straight line HIGHGATE, Type 3 dated 2/8/1838, the only known example to date.

G. W. COLLETT.

DEAR MEMBER,

We hope you spent an enjoyable Christmas and was able to look back on an interesting year with your stamps and that some of the items you needed to fill the inevitable blank spaces came your way. In wishing you a HAPPY NEW YEAR we trust it will prove to be full of interest and that you will make many more new friends. In our view, friends that we make in the pursuit of our hobby, whether at a meeting of a local society or through the medium of correspondence, remain so throughout our lives. It is our hope that you have found a number of items in our pages that have interested you and maybe, in some instances, clarified some point upon which you have been in some doubt. A number of members who specialise in CAYMAN ISLANDS wrote in concerning the article on one of the pre-adhesives discovered by our Founder, and this provides just one example of the usefulness of our CIRCLE.

MEMBERSHIP: It is with pleasure we report a further increase in our membership which now totals 131. We welcome the following newcomers from overseas: F. J. Freeman and R. H. Larkin (Canada), D. H. Kerr and W. Redford, F.R.P.S.L. (South Africa). J. C. Churchill and F. B. Jancowski (U.S.A.). We are also glad to include Dorset and Gloucestershire for the first time in our table of distribution.

LONDON (25)					
PROVINCIAL (79)					
Cheshire	1	Herts	4	Shropshire	2
Cornwall	2	Kent	4	Somerset	1
Derbyshire	4	Lancashire	3	Staffs	1
Devon	4	Lincolnshire	1	Suffolk	3
Dorset	1	Middlesex	6	Surrey	10
Essex	4	Norfolk	2	Sussex	3
Gloucestershire	1	Northants	2	Warwickshire	2
Hampshire	4	Northumberland	2	Wiltshire	2
		Yorkshire	3		
Northern Ireland	1	Scotland	5	Wales	1
OVERSEAS (27)					
Australia	1	B.W.I.	4	Canada	4
New Guinea	1	South Africa	4	U.S.A.	13

At the time of going to Press we learn, with regret that our member Mr. L. Bowman has to undergo an operation. We sincerely trust it will be successful and that it will not be long before his health is restored.

AUTUMN MEETING held at 41, Devonshire Place, W.1. on 22nd October, 1955.

Our President has stated that this was a most successful meeting which was attended by 24 members and 5 visitors. A resumé of the interesting pages that were passed round is as follows:- G. W. COLLETT (President): JAMAICA: some newly acquired covers including G.B. used in Jamaica of the first period (8. 5. 1858). Embossed die proofs included one for a 2d. registered envelope. Blocks of the first 3d., 6d. and 1s. adhesives cancelled with pen and ink lines (probably specimen stamps). A. E. BEACH: ST. KITTS: Early pre-adhesive covers including a " ST. KITTS PAID " (no date) - circa 1860 s. TOBAGO: Pre-adhesive covers with the 35mm. fleuron type (dated 30 April, 1806) and a Crowned Circle 'PAID AT TOBAGO', also a fine study of the 1 PENNY and 1 PENNY surcharges and their settings. L. E. BRITNOR : ANTIGUA Pre-adhesive dated 1754, and the handstruck type (PD11) dated 24. 10. 1796 (latest recorded date.), G. W. GROVES: A 'pot pourri' including: ANTIGUA: K.G.V. shade varieties. BARBADOS, public notice dated 19 Jan. 1765 'By the KING'S AUTHORITY'. P. W. HOSKING: BRITISH GUIANA: a most interesting study and display of the obliterations, complete from 1884 to 1902. LT.-COLONEL G. H. LATHAM: A Selection of ANTIGUA, LEEWARD ISLANDS, NEVIS (postal fiscals), ST. KITTS and TRINIDAD cancellations. MAJOR F. S. J. NORRIS: BERMUDA. St. Georges, scarce early handstruck markings; British mail boat cancellation "A95 " on G.B. 1865, 6d., and a study of the shades in the printings of the K.G.V. high values. P. T. SAUNDERS: CAYMAN ISLANDS: Photograph of pre-adhesive dated 3 Oct., 1842 (one of eight known), no example is known privately owned. A selection of first-flight air mail covers. Mrs. M. W, TAYLOR

GRENADA: An example of the "Royal Grenada Gazette" Vol. 1, No. 12, March 30. 1765, and another dated April 13,

1765, with a notice from the G.P.O. of letters remaining in the post office and lists of shipping. A Ship Letter, May 8. 1815, with "Ship Letter" over a crown and "GRENADA" below in oval (only two of these Ship Letters are at present recorded.) A fine series of 'Carriacou' covers. Miss R. TITFORD: ST. CHRISTOPHER: including a clear 'ST. KITTS PAID' in red (May 29, 1855), and a selection of the early adhesives, mint and used, with covers. J. J. TURNER: ST. VINCENT: The first fleuron mark 'ST. VINCENTS'; a red Crowned Circle, followed by a fine selection of the adhesives.

R. T.

DISPLAYS

To THE HALE PHILATELIC SOCIETY on 6th October. 1955

Owing to illness and other reasons only our Hon. Secretary and Mr. C. H. Elkan were able to attend. The following members contributed selected pages from their collections: Mr. C. H. Elkan (BARBADOS). Mr. A. A. Hershman (JAMAICA), Mr. C. H. H. Roche (DOMINICA & ST. LUCIA), Mr P. T. Saunders (CAYMAN ISLANDS), Mr. V. W. Smithson (BERMUDA & LEEWARD ISLANDS). Miss Rose Titford (BAHAMAS & ST. CHRISTOPHER).

To THE FOREST PHILATELIC SOCIETY on 8th November, 1955.

Our Hon. Secretary accompanied by Mr. W. H. H. Crow; Mr. H. E. Kimber and Miss Rose Titford spent a most enjoyable evening and selected pages were shown as follows: Mr. Crow (JAMAICA varieties), Mr. Kimber (ST. VINCENT early issues with provisional surcharges of 1880 & 1881), Mr. Saunders (CAYMAN ISLANDS -out of the way items), Miss. Titford (BAHAMAS & ST. CHRISTOPHER - first issues): Mr. L. Britnor sent pages of ANTIGUA & BARBADOS and Mr. N. Calnan BAHAMAS - early rarities, which were shown by Miss Titford on their behalf.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY MEETING

We would remind you that this will be held on Friday, the 27th January next in the meeting room of The Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41, Devonshire Place, W.1. at 5.30 p.m. Should you wish to attend the informal Dinner which follows at Lord's Tavern. St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8. (7.15 for 7.45 p.m.) please advise the Hon. Secretary without delay the number of tickets you require for yourself and guests. Tickets are 15/- each (excluding wine but including gratuities) and the appropriate remittance should accompany your application.

SPRING MEETING.

In response to a number of requests a meeting has been arranged to take place also at 41, Devonshire Place, W.I. on Saturday the 21st April at 2.30 p.m. Please make a note in your diary, and if you are able to attend, please remember to bring along a few pages and, of course, a note of any interesting point for discussion.

STAMPEX, 1956-January 7th-14th at Central Hall, Westminster. S.W.1.

We are glad to announce that our CIRCLE has been invited to provide an exhibit which will be found in Frames 38 and 39. For the benefit of those members who may not be able to attend we append a brief description :

Frame No. 38 ST. LUCIA. Perkins Bacon & De La Rue printings 1860 - 1882/4; a selection of various Fiscal stamps which were allowed to be postally used. The Die I printings of 1882/86, 1886/7, and Die II printings of 1891/98, 1891/92 Dies I & II issues surcharged. K.E. VII issues of 1902/3, 1904/10 and 1907/09. All stamps shown mainly mint.

(Contributed by Lt.-Col. H. C. Mason, F.R.P.S.L.)

Frame No 39 TRINIDAD. Pre-adhesive, and Ship Letter (1848). Type 2 numeral obliterations on imperforate issues. 1859, pin-perf. 13¼-14, mint; 1860, cleancut perf., including 1d. imperf. between pair; 1863/75, CC. Perf. 12½ shades. 1883, Artist's sketch and die proof with value label blank. 1883, set surcharged 9d. 1896/1909 die proofs.

(Contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott.)

In addition there are independent exhibits by some of our members as follows

Frame. No. 40. BERMUDA. A study of the retouches to the printing plates of the "Ship" type 3d, 6d and 1/- values on Script watermarked paper.

(Contributed by Major F. S. J. Norris)

Frame No. 42. CAYMAN ISLANDS. Photographs of a recently discovered pre-adhesive entire (unknown in any private collection) dated 3/10/1842.

An example of the Jamaica Queen Victoria 1d green bearing the third Georgetown cancellation; example of First Rural Post cancellation 1909-17; cover showing use of local stamps as 'Postage Dues'; examples of postal stationery, "Specimens" and a selection of high values from K.E. VII to Q.E. II.

(Contributed by Mr. P. T. Saunders.)

Frame. No. 43. JAMAICA. Early examples of the attractive temporary rubber date-stamps on the Queen Victoria issues mainly on covers.

(Contributed by Mr. A. A. Hershman)

Frame. No. 44. JAMAICA. A fine selection of Die Proofs and colour trials.

(Contributed by Mr. V. N. F. Suttees.)

NOTES AND QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is MAINLY dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought and it will be very helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. ALL contributions should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

ANTIGUA

"The 150th. Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson was celebrated on October 21st. 1955 and as members will know, Lord Nelson used English Harbour, Antigua as his headquarters and base for the British Navy in the Caribbean. Nelson's Dockyard, as it is known, is preserved as a showplace to this day. The 1906 Commemorative stamp of Barbados claims that the monument depicted is the first to be erected, but five years earlier (1808) a statue was erected in Montreal, Canada. Before this, however, a monument to his memory was erected on the top of Angel's Hill, TAYNUILT, North Argyll as soon as the inhabitants received the news of the victory and his death. TAYNUILT must, therefore, be given the credit of being first in 1805. The Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square, London, was not erected until 1843. The 1863-67 issue of Antigua stamps are found cancelled 'A18' English Harbour. The stamps of Great Britain: 1d, 2d & 6d values were cancelled 'A02' and I have a nice pair of the 6d. on entire dated 1869. Up to 1878 only 1d & 6d values were available but they are found in a variety of papers, perforations and watermarks and in a wide range of shades. I have a complete sheet of the 1d. value showing the positions of three major varieties:-

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| a. A diagonal scratch across stamp | No. 4 of rows 8 & 9. |
| b. A prominent re-entry on stamp | No. 8 of row 1. |
| c. A prominent re-entry on stamp | No. 8 of row 2 (20) |

The 6d stamp has a larger number of varieties but they are not so clear -

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| d. Flaw across the Queen's nose | Row 2. No. 12 (24) |
| e. Malburin flaw above 'N' of Antigua | Row 8. No. 3 (87) |
| f. 'Morton Evans' re-entry | Row 3. No. 2 (26) |
| g. 'Iremonger' re-entry | Row 6. No. 10 (70) |
| h. 'S & P' re-entry | Row 5 No. 11 (59) |
| i. No. 4 re-entry (Sefi No. 2) | Row 8. No. 7 (91) |
| j. No. 5 re-entry | Row 10. No. 10 (118) |

When the 2½d postage rate was introduced there was a spate of bisects of the 1d. stamp but in 1879 a 2½d stamp in brown was issued followed by a 4d blue, both with Crown CC wmk. Both these stamps are scarce. In 1882 the 1d value in pale green appeared, followed by the 2½d and 4d all on the new Crown CA. wmk. paper. The 1d. and 6d continued in the same design, first with no wmk, then on Crown CC and Crown CA winks. Later, the 2½d brown changed its colour to blue and, in consequence, the 4d blue had to change to brown. This 2½d surface printed stamp provided a variety known as the 'slanting foot to 2' but it was only recently that it was proved that there are three variations which appear in the three different positions in the complete sheet in my possession. To complete the series a 1/- stamp in mauve appeared, but in good condition this stamp is very hard to find." (To be concluded).

(Contributed by Mr. C. W. Meredith, F.R.P.S.L.)

(NOTE: While there are other minor re-entries and varieties in the 6d, value it is believed this is the first time all five recognisable re-entries have been correctly plated. They are given in the order in which they came to light and not in the order of the number in the sheet, which is given in brackets on the right. - Editor).

BAHAMAS

Pictorial Cancellations

"As a new member of the CIRCLE I have only recently received the early numbers of the Bulletin and I notice an enquiry about the 'Tarpon's Head' cancellation. Mr. Ludington's theory about this is incorrect. I am afraid as this cancellation was used at CAT CAY about 1936. Both this and the 'Cat' cancellations were rubber 'Duplex' types comprising a single ring approximately 30mm diameter with 'CAT CAY' above and BAHAMAS below, the day, month and year being in one line in the centre (letters 3mm. high) and the pictorial portion. CAT CAY is in the Bimini group which is world famous as a centre for big game fishing, hence the use of the tarpon's head, usually struck in blue. The 'cat' cancellation is that rather rare item, a philatelic pun. It consists of a cat standing on a key, which is the correct local pronunciation of CAY, All copies I have seen of this have been struck in red. Both cancellations are scarce and I can give no definite period of use, but the copies I have seen of both types bore dates in 1936. The island belonged to a Miss Betty Carstairs about this time and more information may be available from this angle soon."

(Contributed by Mr. S. G. Hoey)

BARBADOS

"On going through some old postal records recently I came across an indent to the Crown Agents dated 21st December, 1931 for, inter alia, three registration postmarks to be supplied with the words 'G.P.O. BARBADOS' in top half and 'REGISTRATION' in bottom half of circle or oval. Two of these were to be oval and one circular. I also found the invoice for them. I have never seen a copy of this postmark on an entire although I have a few stamps with parts of: this mark. No one in the G.P.O. today remembers using such a mark. I shall be glad to know if any member has any information that will afford some indication of its life.

On April 1st, 1933, a branch post office was opened at St. Lawrence before its postmarks had been received. Pending the receipt of these the G.P.O. lent them one of theirs. Has any member an entire posted from St. Lawrence between April 1st and May 29th 1933 (the date their postmarks were received) from which particulars can be obtained of the G.P.O. postmark used? I need this information for my Postmark collection."

(Contributed by Mr. H. Bayley.)

BARBADOS

The First Obliterators.

"When the first obliterators were sent out to Barbados in 1852 the following numbers were allotted to the various Post Offices :-

1. G.P.O. (Bridgetown), 2. Christchurch, 3. St. Philip,
4. St. George, 5. St. John, 6. St. Joseph, 7. St. James,
8. St. Thomas, 9. St. Andrew, 10. St. Peter, 11. St. Lucy.

In his reference to these obliterated in his handbook on the Post Office in Barbados, Mr. H. Bayley states that there are 'three bars above and four below the figure'. Whilst this is true for some of the numerals it is certainly not true for all of them. Whether anyone has investigated this matter thoroughly before, or not, I do not know, but despite continuous search I can find nothing definite on the subject. This seems to call for some research by our Study Circle. As it is mainly a case for tabulating results I suggest that members who are interested in this colony and are willing to co-operate could probably do so by letting the Hon. Secretary have the following particulars of any stamps in their possession, or which they may see, which bear the 'barred' obliterator

- (a) Numeral. (b) Number of bars above. (c) Number of bars below.
- (d) Date-probably only obtainable from an entire. (e) If on entire brief details of other postmarks. (f) If more than one example of the same obliterator is consulted the number of such examples.

There are obviously likely to be some difficulties in discriminating between '6' and the '9' although the two numerals appear to be slightly different; evidence from entires would undoubtedly be useful in these cases. If sufficient data were forthcoming the results could be summarised and published in a future Bulletin giving due acknowledgement to all concerned."

(Contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor.)

BRITISH HONDURAS

"In Bulletin No. 3 p. 34, Mr. F. H. Thompson mentions that British adhesives were first supplied to British Honduras in 1857 and I should value information as to the evidence for this date, and wonder if any covers exist. Hitherto, I had assumed that the large and small A06 obliterated supplied in April 1858 through the G.P.O. London were brought into use for the first adhesives. I am anxious to find out something of a concentric circle cancellation found on a copy of the 3c (S.G.53) It is a smudged impression possibly arising from the use of an ebony ruler such as was once seen to be used at St. John's, Antigua. The Offices mentioned at the foot of p.34, should, I think, read PUNTA GORDA and ALL PINES. Besides the ruler mark above, early British Honduras may be found with a dumb bar obliterator. If A06 and K65 are allocated to Belize, which also used a date stamp for cancellation, there appear to be four candidates, 'C', 'O', ebony ruler and bars for allocation in the Q.V. period. The first outstation date-stamps appear to have been double circle marks, often with manuscript dates, with, B. Honduras at foot, followed by small c.d.s. Fairly early, however, in the King Edward period violet rubber stamps, seemingly undated, were employed. Is any list of these available please ?

(contributed by P. J. Jaffe.)

ST. CHRISTOPHER

The second instalment of Miss Titford's article is unavoidably held over and will appear in the April issue. (Editor).

JAMAICA

Notes on recent postmarks (cont. from p. 93.)

'N' TYPES (cont.)

'Na': This type has no lines between the double circle but carries the star and is used by the following Post Offices:- BAMBOO, BATH, BERRY HILL, BRIXTON HILL, CHAPELTON, EPSOM, FRUITFUL VALE, GRANVILLE, GUYS HILL, HADDO, HECTORS RIVER, HIGHGATE, HOPEWELL, KENSINGTON, LAUGHLANDS, LIGUANEA, MADRAS, PALISADOES, RACE COURSE, RIO GRANDE, ST. ANNS BAY, SOMERSET, SPANISH TOWN, SUCCESS and VAUGHANSFIELD. EPSOM carried no year.

'Nb': This type has lines but no star and is used by the following Offices: ALLIGATOR POND, BALACLAVA, CENTRAL VILLAGE, CHRISTIANA, COLEYVILLE, CONSTANT SPRING, CONTENT GAP, CROOKED RIVER, CROSS ROADS, DALLAS, DARLISTON, DEESIDE, DELVELAND, DENHAM TOWN, DEVON PEN, DUNCANS, EPWORTH, FLINT RIVER, FOUR PATHS, KENTISH, KINGSTON, LABYRINTH, LANCASTER, LIONEL TOWN, LLANDEWEY, LOOKOUT, MANCHIONEAL, MONA, MORANT BAY, MOUNT AIRY, PLOWDEN, QUICKSTEP, RETREAT, RITCHIES, SANTA CRUZ, SAVANNAH LA MAR, SILOAH, SLIPS, SPOT VALLEY, SPRING HILL, TROY, VINEYARD TOWN and WALKERSWOOD.

CROOKED RIVER has year above month and day, DALLAS has dates upside down, DEESIDE carries no year, DELVELAND has the day in the centre and month and year below, FLINT RIVER has no day or year, LANCASTER, QUICKSTEP, RITCHIES and SPOT VALLEY appear in violet.

LANCASTER in addition has a reversed date.

'Nc': This type omits the JAMAICA at the bottom, has a continuous line within the two circles but no star.

BLUEFIELDS is the only example I have seen.

'Z' TYPE,

This is the new small single line postmark, 24 mm. in diameter and with letters 24 mm. High - a very neat and effective postmark which it is hoped will enjoy a long life. It carries a star above the centre line of month (two letters) and day, with year below, omitting the 19. My first specimen is BRIGHTON, dated July 7, 1954, but undoubtedly there are earlier dates. Other Offices using this type are:- ADELPHI, BARKING LODGE, BARTONS, BOGUS, BULL SAVANNAH, BUXTON TOWN, CLAREMONT, FLOWER HILL, GEORGES VALLEY, JEFFREY TOWN, JOHNSON MOUNTAIN, KING WESTON, LITTLE RIVER, MONTREAL, PALMERS CROSS, PHILADELPHIA. READING, REVIVAL, ROBINS BAY, SANGUINETTI and WESTPHALIA.

The only varieties I have seen so far are BARKING LODGE in violet and BULL SAVANNAH with the star and year reversed."

ST. KITTS-NEVIS

"At our autumn meeting Col. Latham showed some of the abbreviated postmarks and asked for information about them. As several other members evinced an interest I have pleasure in giving the following details that an examination of my collection has brought to light :

Duplex 'A12' marks of the upright oval type were supplied for use at three of the St. Kitts villages and the island of Anguilla being distinguished by two letters above the date.

These stamps were sent out to the island from the G.P.O. London, on 10th May, 1900. The villages and abbreviations were :-

ANGUILLA = AN.

DIEPPE BAY = DB.

OLD ROAD = OR.

SANDY POINT = SP.

It would seem that there was a later issue of circular date stamps (non-duplex) with these abbreviated marks for I have the abbreviation 'SP' in a c.d.s. on S.G.76 of Leeward Islands.

Unfortunately, this is a single stamp and the year of the date does not show but it must have been 1922 or later. Any further information members can supply will be appreciated.

(Contributed by Mr. G. W. Groves.)

ST. VINCENT

"Concerning the letter of Mr. V. N. F. Surtees (Bulletin no. 7, p. 95.) regarding S.G. 59 overprinted 'Specimen' I have a copy of this stamp the word 'Specimen' being in script in purple the same shade as the surcharge above it. If this is the same stamp as mentioned by Mr. Marcus Samuel as a rarity (only three copies being known) here is another one. I have little knowledge of 'Specimen' stamps of St. Vincent and should like to know if; there is more than one variety of this stamp overprinted 'Specimen'."

(Contributed by Dr. N. Garrard.)

TRINIDAD

"Setting aside the pen cancellation usually found on the Lady McLeod (which, incidentally, finds an echo in the pen cancellations on certain air mail covers carried by safe hand of the pilot during the second World War) the first type cancellation consists of a thick circular ring enclosing a numeral. The strike is usually ill-defined but the ring is approximately of external diameter $23\frac{1}{2}$ - $25\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and thickness 3-4 mm. and is punctured by about 8 small holes. The numerals so far found are '2' in various styles and sizes, '5' (?), '7' and 18 and the dates recorded are between August 1851 and September 1852. From the poor definition and rapid deterioration of the strike it has been suggested that this must have been a rubber canceller. It would be interesting if any member can confirm or extend any of the above information."

(Contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott.)

THE DE LA RUE STAMP CENTENARY EXHIBITION.

held at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1. 6th – 18th June, 1955

Captions of the items covering the British West Indies

continued from p.87 (Bulletin No, 7):

GRENADA. Block of twelve tete-beche 1d stamps, submitted to the Crown Agents on December 23, 1881, "to illustrate the character of work, which we could throw into such stamps surface printed, suggesting them in place of the recess printed stamps then current and supplied by Perkins, Bacon & Co. On October 12, 1882 an order was placed for stamps of this design and printed by this method but with the top line reading Grenada Postage." Block of twelve tete-beche 1d in purple, submitted as an example of the alteration requested. This was approved by the Crown Agents on October 12, 1882. 1882. The Crown Agents requested the submission of a design in February 1882 for reproduction by the key-plate system, and on the 27th of that month the hand-drawn essay shown was submitted. It was rejected in favour of the specially prepared and printed block of 1d stamps submitted on December 23, 1881, which was approved by the Government of Grenada on September 26, 1882, and an order placed by the Crown Agents on October 12, 1882. 2 designs submitted on Sept. 18th, each for reproduction from key die and duty plates.

"B" was approved on October 5, 1886 and was issued in January 1887. Die proof for the original letterpress issue of 1883; an essay circa 1894, a die proof of the 1898 Anniversary issue; blank duty die proof of the recess issue of 1906; a vignette die proof of the letterpress issue of 1908, and an approved colour proof of the 2/6d denomination issued in 1929. On October 22, 1894, the Governor of Grenada forwarded a requisition calling for new POSTAGE AND REVENUE stamps, and the Crown Agents asked for designs covering (a) the Arms of the Colony, and (b) utilising their universal key-plate. The Appendix shown pulled from the 6d die with the name painted in. was submitted with a special key-plate design attached on November 2nd. This was followed on January 9th, 1895, by a further requisition for 2½d, 3d, 6d, 8d and 1/- stamps, which the Crown Agents asked the Company to produce from their universal key-plate, printing the pence in purple and the shilling in green and submitting specimens of the colours proposed. These were sent on January 16th. Appendix re-submitted on January 23rd, showing the 8d overprint in black painted by hand, to accord with the Crown Agents desire for a differentiation with the red overprint of the 1d It was approved on January, 25th. The 4d, 2/- and 5/- of the November 2, 1894 Appendix were never issued. On February 13 1905 the Government proposed a new issue of ½d, 1d and 2½d stamps by the recess process, following the style of the Revenue stamps showing the Badge of the Colony. The essay shown was submitted following the authority of the Crown Agents to put in hand a one-colour stamp on March 29th. It was approved on April 8th. Colour scheme of July 7, 1905, showing alternative colours for the 2d, approved on July 10th, subject to the 2½d approximating more closely to the colour of the English stamp. Revised colour proof using the 1d die of July 12th approved on July 17th.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

I feel I may be forgiven in anticipating the approval of all members in presenting our Bulletin in its new form. For some time past I have wondered it would ever be possible to go to print and preliminary enquiries led me to hope that something might be done later in the year. That it has been found practicable to commence the New Year in the new format is due to three factors: a steadily increasing membership, an acceptable quotation from our printers, and lastly (but by no means least) the generous support of our advertisers, some of whom are also members of our CIRCLE. I am aware that they can offer some very interesting material and I shall be glad if Members, when making enquiries of them, will always mention the Bulletin. Turning to our Autumn meeting there is only one thing to add to what you have already read, and that is my personal thanks to all those who attended and brought such interesting material for everyone to enjoy. With regard to the Exhibition which is being sponsored by the Junior Philatelic Society and the Philatelic Traders' Society under the title "STAMPEX", no doubt there are some members who are wondering why our CIRCLE'S exhibit is confined to two colonies. The reason is simple and I feel will be readily understood. Following last year's Exhibition it was the considered opinion of the organisers that our display, in endeavouring to cover so many colonies, was somewhat 'bitty'. Quite frankly, I was in entire agreement, and with only two frames (18 pages) the position could not be otherwise. Those of you who are able to at end this year will, I am sure, find the pages of ST. LUCIA and TRINIDAD very interesting. In the event of our CIRCLE being invited on another occasion, two different colonies will be selected. Finally, I would like to make an urgent appeal to all those who contemplate attending our second Anniversary Dinner on Friday, January 27th to let me know how many tickets they require without delay. Our principal guest will be Mr. W. Ewart Gerrish O.B.E., a Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and as there is accommodation for up to 100, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have a 'full house'.

P. T. S.

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